

PROVIDER ACCESS STATEMENT

Stratton School

INTRODUCTION

This policy statement sets out the Stratton School arrangements for managing the access of providers to the school for the purpose of giving them information about the provider's education or training offer. This complies with the school's legal obligations under Section 42B of the Education Act 1997.

PUPIL ENTITLEMENT

All pupils in years 8 to 13 are entitled:

- to find out about technical education qualifications and apprenticeship opportunities, as part of a careers programme which provides information on the full range of education and training options available at each transition point;
- to hear from a range of local providers about the opportunities they offer, including technical education and apprenticeships – through options events, assemblies and group discussions and taster events;
- to understand how to make applications for the full range of academic and technical courses.

For pupils of compulsory school age these encounters are mandatory and there will be a minimum of two encounters for year 8 to 9 pupils and two encounters for year 10 to 11 pupils.

For pupils in year 12 to 13, particularly those that have not yet decided on their next steps, there are two more provider encounters available during this period, which are optional for pupils to attend.

These provider encounters will be scheduled during the main school hours and the provider will be given a reasonable amount of time to, as a minimum:

- share information about both the provider and the approved technical education qualification and apprenticeships that the provider offers
- explain what career routes those options could lead to
- provide insights into what it might be like to learn or train with that provider (including the opportunity to meet staff and pupils from the provider)
- answer questions from pupils.

MEANINGFUL PROVIDER ENCOUNTERS

One encounter is defined as one meeting/session between pupils and one provider. We are committed to providing meaningful encounters to all pupils using the [Making it Meaningful](#) checklist.

PREVIOUS PROVIDERS

In previous terms/years we have invited the following providers from the local area to speak to our pupils:

- The Bedford College Group
- North Hertfordshire College
- Apprenticeship Support & Knowledge
- Sporting Futures
- The RAF
- The Navy
- The Army
- University of Bedfordshire
- University of Northampton
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Hertfordshire
- The Engineering Trust
- STEM Point East
- SSG

DESTINATIONS OF OUR PUPILS

Last year our year 11 pupils moved to range of providers in the local area after school:

- Stratton School Sixth Form 35%
- Other Sixth Form 5%
- North Hertfordshire College 28%
- Bedford College 17%
- Other Colleges 3%
- Specialist College 4%
- Apprenticeship 6%
- Other (NEET) 2%

Last year our year 13 pupils moved to range of providers after school:

- University – 66%
- Apprenticeship – 16%
- Employment – 14%
- Gap Year – 4%

MANAGEMENT OF PROVIDER ACCESS REQUESTS

PROCEDURE

A provider wishing to request access should contact Angela Manley, Careers Lead.

Email: amanley@stratton.school

Telephone Number: 01767 220000

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS

The school offers the six provider encounters required by law (marked in bold text in the table below) and a number of additional events, integrated into the school careers programme.

Please speak to our Careers Lead to identify the most suitable opportunity for you.

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Year 8 | KS4 options event. Introduction to Post 16 Pathways. | <p>British Science Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Careers Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> | |
| Year 9 | Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers. | <p>British Science Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Careers Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> | <p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 9.</p> <p>Day Trip to University of Bedfordshire.</p> |

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| Year 10 | Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers. | <p>British Science Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Careers Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> | <p>Specialist College Assemblies Programme.</p> <p>Armed / Public services presentation regarding progression routes.</p> <p>Post 16 options event. Introduction to Post 16 Pathways.</p> |
| Year 11 | Post 16 apprenticeship and further education assemblies. | <p>British Science Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Careers Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> | No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 11. |

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| <p>Year 12</p> | <p>National School and College Leaver Show.</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers.</p> <p>Mock Interview Event with Job Centre Plus</p> | <p>British Science Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Careers Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>UCAS Higher Education Fair with a variety of HE providers including local Further Education colleges.</p> | <p>Higher and degree apprenticeship provider assembly and tutor time drop ins.</p> |
| <p>Year 13</p> | <p>Higher and degree apprenticeship provider assembly and tutor time drop ins.</p> <p>Careers Fair – Opportunity to meet local, regional and national employers. Include local colleges and apprenticeship providers.</p> | <p>British Science Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Apprenticeship Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> <p>National Careers Week. Carousel of activities and speakers. Including local employers and alumni students.</p> | <p>No encounters – legislation requires encounters to take place by 28 February if in year 13.</p> |

PREMISES AND FACILITIES

The school will make the main hall, classrooms or private meeting rooms available for discussions between the provider and pupils, as appropriate to the activity. The school will also make available AV and other specialist equipment to support provider presentations. This will all be discussed and agreed in advance of the visit with the Careers Lead or a member of their team. Meaningful online engagement is also an option and we are open to providers that are able to provide live online engagement with our pupils. Providers are welcome to leave a copy of their prospectus or other relevant course literature, which will be accessible to pupils.

COMPLAINTS

Any complaints with regards to provider access can be raised through the Meridian Trust complaints procedure.

APPROVAL AND REVIEW

Approved by the school's Academy Council, reviewed every 2 years or at the point of new legislation.

Next review: 1st January 2027